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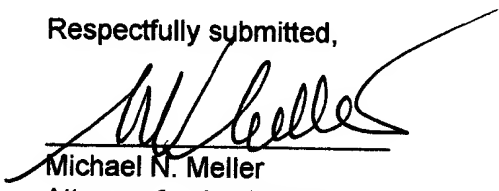
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicant's and Applicant's representatives' Duty of Disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, and pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97 and MPEP 717.05(b), Applicant submits herewith documentary information for consideration by the Examiner. Information herein cited is only set forth in fulfillment of Applicant's duty of candor in disclosing all information brought to his attention, and is not an admission that it can be used adversely. The publications forwarded herewith are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Applicant requests that the Examiner, upon reviewing the enclosed materials, initial the enclosed form and return a copy thereof in accordance with the instructions on the form.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Enclosed please find copies of Japanese patent publications and English language abstracts for references BA through BC listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. Also enclosed is Japanese patent publication 63-185996 (reference BD) for which an English language abstract or the counterpart EP 272483 will be supplied in due course. In addition, copies of references BE and CA through CE, all in the English language as well as a copy of the International Search Report dated 10 November 1998 are enclosed.

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